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The changes presented herein for the application are the same as those presented in applicants' Preliminary Amendment filed September 19, 2006.

In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed August 16, 2006 in connection with the above-identified application, the Examiner has indicated that:

1. The Abstract was not presented on a separate page.
2. The claims were not presented on a separate page.

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment a clean copy of the Abstract is being provided herewith on a separate page.

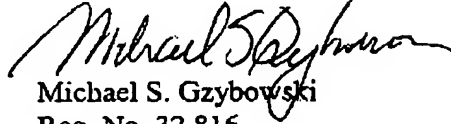
The Examiner's position that the claims were not provided on a separate page is unclear, because the claims are provided on separate pages (pages 3-6) as they were in the previous Preliminary Amendment.

While it is true that the original specification did not provide the claims on a separate page, the Substitute Specification (clean copy) and the original Preliminary Amendment did provide the claims on a separate page.

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Entry of the present Resubmitted Preliminary Amendment prior to the examination of the present application is respectfully requested.

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